No. 52.

BANGALORE CITY MUNICIPALITY.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON SATURDAY THE 25TH FEBRUARY 1928, AT 8 A.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Present ... 27 | Absent ... 3

Before the business of the meeting was taken up, the President mentioned to the Council the news of the sorrowful death of Mrs. K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar and with the permission of the house, moved the following resolution, which was seconded and supported by Messrs. D. S. Govinda Rao, Belur Srinivasiengar, and S. Narayana Rao and adopted unanimously, all the members of the Council, Officers, Press Correspondents and Visitors standing, as a mark of respect of the deceased lady:—

"That this Council do place on record its deep sense of sorrow at the sad demise of Srimati Parvathi Ammal (Mrs. K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar) under tragic circumstances far away from home and do express its condolence to Dewan Bahadur Rajadharma Pravina K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar in his bereavement.

Further resolved that a copy of the said resolution be communicated to Diwan Bahadur Rajadharma Pravina K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar."

Subjects of the January 1928 *agenda were taken up.*

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4. To consider the opinion of the Managing Committee, dated 15th July 1927, approving the scheme drawn up by the Municipal Engineer in the matter of forming grass farms and free pasture lands for cows, etc., at six places in the City at a total initial cost of Rs. 26,000 and a recurring cost of Rs. 2,000 per annum for each grass farm. Also Municipal Commissioner's note to the effect that if the scheme is approved, Mavalli Tank Bed, which is a Municipal property, may be first tried, that in that case, an initial cost of Rs. 14,500 is necessary and that no provision has been made in the currenet year's budget nor could funds be found by reappropriation.

Resolution.—As a result of discussion of the subject, Mr. Belur Srinivasiengar proposed and Mr. S. Narayana Rao seconded that the scheme now before the house be deferred and that Government be approached to make over to the Municipality all grazing lands in the outskirts of the City in view of the fact that the area of pasturage lands available to cattle in the City has decreased considerably owing to a large portion of the lands having been converted into building and industrial concerns.

Meeting adjourned, for want of time, to Monday the 27th instant at 5 P.M. in the Council Chamber.

No. 53.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ADJOURNED GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON MONDAY THE 27TH FEBRUARY 1928, AT 5 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Present ... 27 | Absent ... 3

Continuation of subjects in the agenda for January 1928.

5. To consider letter, dated 5th June 1927, from the Secretary, South India Khadi Exhibition Committee, requesting the Municipal Council to remove the levy of Octroi duty on Khadi Cloth imported into the City of Bangalore, in order to encourage Home Spinning. Also Octroi Inspector's memo No. T. 425, dated 16th November 1927, stating that a sum of Rs. 132-6-10 was recovered as duty on Khaddar cloth during the months of August, September, October and November 1927.

Resolution.—Resolved that the hand-spun and hand-woven Khadi manufactured in the Mysore State, be exempted from the levy of Octroi duty when it is imported into the Municipal limits of the City of Bangalore. Passed unanimously.

7. Municipal Commissioner's Note, dated 13th December 1927, stating that a separate Sub-Committee has to be formed to consider the proposed Railway Stations and alignments of the proposed Bangalore-Hosur Railway Line, as the Sub-Committee appointed by the previous Council ceased to exist.

Resolution.—Resolved that the Railway Authorities be consulted as to the need for the formation of a Sub-Committee of the members of the Municipal Council to

give their suggestions regarding the location of the proposed Railway Stations and of the alignment of the proposed Bangalore-Hosur Line.

11. To consider the Council Resolution, dated 4th October 1926, in the matter of availing the services of the Fire Brigade of C. and M. Station, Bangalore. Also Municipal Commissioner's note, dated 12th December 1927, on the above subject.

Resolution.—Resolved that this Council is not in favour of utilising the services of the Fire Brigade in the Civil and Military Station as proposed. Passed unanimously.

14. To consider letter No. L. 3151-2—Ml. 213-27-1, dated 1st December 1927, from the Chief Secretary to Government suggesting:—

(1) To frame Bye-laws under Section 48 (1) (pp) of the Municipal Regulation for regulating the erection or use of buildings for shops or factories, etc., in residential quarters, and

(2) To make a beginning under Section 91 (A) of the Municipal Regulation, for prescribing the building line for the most important roads in Bangalore City.

Resolution.—Resolved that the first suggestion be referred to the Bye-Law Committee for framing rules.

2. Resolved further that the second suggestion for prescribing the building line for important roads in the City be accepted and that the subject be referred to the Municipal Commissioner for submitting definite proposals to the Council, if necessary, in consultation with the City Improvement Committee.

17. To sanction the permanent retention of an establishment of 31 carts on a monthly hire of Rs. 26 each for the removal of the silt in the drains and streets of the City. (This establishment is being maintained for over 25 years and due provision has been made.)

Resolution.—Resolved that the subject be referred to the Municipal Commissioner for definite proposals being put up within three months for substituting motor lorries for bullock carts as far as possible and that pending final disposal of the question, the present system do continue.

20. To sanction an estimate for 2,100 for filling up the drain by the side of Wesleyan Mission Collegiate High School and for providing foot-paths to Sri Narasimharaja Road.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

32. To consider the acquisition of properties bearing Nos. 190 to 190/8 in New Tharagupet, Bangalore City, for providing a cart-stand and at an estimated cost of Rs. 17,308 inclusive of Statutory allowance. (This place was inspected by the Council on 20th December 1927.)

Resolution.—Resolved that the subject be dropped.

33. To consider the question of granting to the Bangalore Press, the Municipal land lying between the foot-path and the compound wall of the Bangalore Press on Mysore Road at a concession rate of four annas per square yard, on condition that the grantee builds an ornamental compound wall and permits the storm water drain to be taken within the compound. Also letter from the Secretary of the Bangalore Press requesting a free grant of the land and the revetment of the storm water drain at Municipal cost. (This place was inspected by the Council on 20th December 1927.)

Resolution.—Resolved that the land be given to the Bangalore Press at a concession rate of four annas per Square Yard subject to the conditions that the Municipal storm water drain be allowed to pass within the compound of the Press, the Municipality undertaking to construct an earthern drain for the purpose, and that the present compound wall facing the road be dismantled and in its stead an ornamental wall according to the design to be approved by the Municipality be constructed by the Bangalore Press at its own cost.

Mr. G. B. Raghavendrachar proposed and Mr. S. Narayana Rao seconded the above proposition.

Mr. D. S. Govinda Rao proposed and Mr. J. R. Isaac seconded an amendment that the land be given free of cost and subject to the other conditions referred to in the proposition.

The amendment was lost, as twelve voted 'For' and thirteen 'Against' it.

The original proposition which was proposed by Mr. G. B. Raghavendrachar and seconded by Mr. S. Narayana Rao was put to vote and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned for want of time, to the 3rd of March 1928 at 12 NOON.

No. 54.

PROCEEDINGS OF A GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON SATURDAY THE 3RD MARCH 1928, AT 12 NOON IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Present ... ... 29 | Absent 1

Agenda for March 1928 was taken up:—

DEFERRED SUBJECT.

1. Consideration of the opinion of the Managing Committee, dated 1st November 1927, standing that in view of the fact that the Council have under consideration a resolution to

request the Government to bear the maintenance charges of Sri Chamarajendra Water Works for the same time more, the Comptroller be requested to defer the adjustment of Rs. 3,02,864-15-1 incurred on account of the Water Works, till final orders are passed by Government.

Resolution.—Resolved that the resolution passed by the Municipal Council on the 1st February 1928 in this connection as noted below be re-affirmed and that the amount actually collected during the year 1926-27 under the head, Water-Taxes, minus the sum of Rs. 45,000, wich was due to the Municipality on account of contribution for City Improvement Works, but adjusted subsequently by Government in accounts towards the maintenance charges of Water Works for 1926-27, be remitted to Government :—

"That in view of the financial condition of the Municipality the Government be requested to bear the annual maintenance charges of the Sri Chamarajendra Water Works, including the Combined Jewell Filters and that the Municipality do continue to pay to Governmenc only the actual amount collected on account of water-tax, the excess charges and the flat rate now being collected by the Water Supply Department being remitted to Government as usual." (*Vide* Subject No. 19, dated 1st February 1928.)

With the consent of the house, Subject No. 32 on the Council Agenda for March 1928, was taken up as it also related to the question of Water Supply charges.

32. To consider the opinion of the Managing Committee, dated 18th January 1928, that in view of the present financial position of the Municipality, the Government be requested to remit the amount of Rs. 58,150, incurred by the State Public Works Department in connection with the water scarcity during 1925-26.

Resolution.—Resolved that Government be requested to remit the sum of Rs. 58,150 incurred by the State Public Works Department for emergent water works during 1925-26, in consideration of the fact that the Municipality had to incur an expenditure of Rs. 28,055-7-8, out of its own funds on account of securing supply of unfiltered water during the water scarcity that prevailed in the year 1925-26.

URGENT SUBJECTS.

1. Messrs. D. S. Govinda Rao, S. Narayana Rao and Dr. M. Royan, handed over to the President a written proposition to the following effect :—

"That a cordial welcome be accorded by this Premier Municipality to the Butler Committee during their ensuing visit to the Bangalore City."

Under Rule 26, Sub-Section 8 of the Municipal Regulation, the President granted permission for moving the resolution at this meeting.

Mr. S. N. M. Razvi raised a point of order that for want of sufficient notice the resolution should not be permitted to be moved.

The President ruled that under the provisions of the Municipal Regulation quoted above, the proposition has been admitted and it is in order.

Mr. D. S. Govinda Rao then formally proposed and Mr. M. Royan seconded the proposition.

Mr. G. B Raghavendrachar proposed an amendment that the words "and an address be presented" be added after the words "accorded." This was seconded by Dr. J. R. Isaac.

Mr. D. S. Govinda Rao, the mover of the proposition, accepted the amendment.

Mr. C. N. Narasinga Rao moved a further amendment that the words "in the premises of the Municipal Office" be added after the main proposition. Captain Y. V. Ayya seconded it. Mr. D. S. Govinda Rao accepted this amendment also.

The following proposition as finally amended was put to vote :—

"That a cordial welcome be accorded and an address be presented by this Premier Municipality to the Butler Committee, during their ensuing visit to the Bangalore City in the premises of the Municipal Office."

The proposition was carried, 25 voting 'For' and one 'Against.'

With the permission of the Chair, Mr. C. N. Narasinga Rao moved that a Committee of the following gentlemen be formed to draft the address and to work out details and that a sum of Rs. 200 be sanctioned for the purpose :—

(1) The President, (2) the Municipal Commissioner, (3) Mr. S. Govinda Rao, (4) Mr. M. Royan, (5) Dr. J. R. Isaac, (6) Mr. B. Kempanna, and (7) Mr. Belur Srinivasiengar.

This was seconded by Mr. D. Gopalakrishna Rao and put to vote and carried, 23 voting 'For' and 1 'Against.'

2. Mr. G. B. Raghavendrachar handed over to the President a proposition to the following effect :—

"That a recommendation be made to Government that no filtered water be supplied for building purposes."

This was seconded by Mr. D. Gopalakrishna Rao.

Mr. W. H. Hanumanthappa proposed and Mr. S. Narayana Rao seconded an amendment that the words, "except with the permission of the Water-Supply Department" be added at the end of the proposition.

Mr. D. S. Govinda Rao raised a point of order that the amendment is inconsistent with the spirit of the proposition and should not be allowed.

The President ruled that the amendment is in order.

The amendment was put to vote and lost, 4 voting 'For' and 11 'Against' it.

The original proposition was put to vote and carried, 15 'For' and 5 'Against.'

At the request of Mr. Belur Srinivasiengar, the Council granted permission to advance Subject No. 5 on the March Agenda relating to the appointment of a Municipal Advocate.

5. To appoint any one of the following persons to the post of the Municipal Advocate:—

1 Mr. N Balakrishnaiya, B.A., LL.B.
2 ,, C N Narasinga Rao, B.A., B.L.
3 ,, N T Gopala Iyengar, B.A., LL.B.
4 ,, H Srinivasamurthi, B.A., LL.B.
5 ,, H S Vasudeva Rao, B.A., LL.B.
6 ,, S K Venkataranga Iyengar, B.A., LL.B.

Resolution.—Soon after the subject was taken up for consideration, Mr. Razvi handed over to the President a written proposition to the following effect:—

"That the names of the two Municipal Councillors who have stood for election to the place of the Municipal Advocate, be deleted from the list."

The President ruled that under proviso 5 to Sub-Section 1 of Section 15 of the Municipal Regulation, a Councillor shall not be deemed to have incurred disqualification for the post of the Municipal Advocate by reason of his taking up employment as a Legal Practitioner in the Municipality and therefore the proposition was out of order and cannot be permitted to be moved.

At the desire of the Council, it was arranged to record the votes in an ante room. With the exception of Messrs. C. N. Narasinga Rao and N. Balakrishniah, all the other Councillors, numbering 27, Mr. A. Madhaviengar, B.A., being absent, exercised their votes.

The Council appointed Messrs. S. Narayana Rao, S. N. M. Razvi and Dr. J. R. Isaac to open the box and scrutinise the votes. The result of voting as announced by these gentlemen and verified by the President was that 14 votes had been recorded in favour of Mr. N. Balakrishnaiya, B.A., LL.B., and 13 in favour of Mr. C. N. Narasinga Rao, B.A., B.L.

The President declared Mr. N. Balakrishnaiya, B.A., LL.B., to have been duly appointed by election to the post of the Municipal Advocate.

It was further decided by the Council to destroy the voting papers in their presence. This was accordingly done.

At the request of Mr. B. K. Garudachar, the Council granted permission to advance Subject No. 46 on the March Agenda.

46. Mr. B. K. Garudachar to move—

"As there is some misapprehension in the minds of the public about the financial position of the Municipality, I beg to propose that a small Committee of Councillors be formed to go into the question with the help of a financial expert from the Government and that the report be made available to the Council before framing of the budget for the year 1928-29."

Resolution.—Mr. B. K. Garudachar proposed and Mr. S. Narayana Rao seconded the proposition which was put to vote and carried.

Mr. Belur Srinivasiengar further proposed that a Committee of the following members be appointed for the purpose:—

1. The President, 2. Mr. B. K. Garudachar, 3. Mr. B. Kempanna, 4. Mr. P. Subbarama Chetty, 5. Mr. M. Royan, 6. Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar, 7. Dr. J. R. Isaac, 8. Mr. C. N. Narasinga Rao and 9. the Municipal Commissioner, with a request that they should submit their report before the 25th of this month.

Mr. S. Narayana Rao seconded it and the proposition was carried unanimously.

Note.—The Municipal Commissioner is requested to address the Government in respect of securing the help of a financial expert.

With the permission of the House, Subject No. 6 on the March Agenda was advanced

6. To sanction payment of the bills received from the Bangalore Press and the Medina Litho Press, aggregating to Rs. 167-8-0 for printing the valedictory speech of the President delivered at the Council Meeting held on 1st October 1927.

Resolution.—Dr. J. R. Isaac proposed and Mr. M. C. Chicknanjundappa seconded that the amount of these bills, *viz.*, Rs. 167-8-0 be paid.

The proposition was put to vote and carried, 15 voting 'For' and 10 'Against.'

The subjects on the Agenda for January 1928 were taken up :—

34. To consider letter No. Fl. 5103—E. I. G. F. 2-27-3, dated 20th December 1927, from the Financial Secretary to Government, forwarding for favour of opinion, copy of letter No. 611—E., dated 23rd November 1927, from the Comptroller to Government, recommending the grant of an allowance of Rs. 10 to the Assistant Auditor, Mr. T. B. Seetharamiah, attached to the Municipal Office, as a special case as he was getting a conveyance allowance of Rs. 7-8-0 a month prior to his posting to the Municipal Office.

Resolution.—Mr. N. Balakrishnaiya proposed and Mr. S. Narayana Rao seconded a conveyance allowance of Rs. 7-8-0 be paid to the Auditor, Mr. T. B. Seetharamayya with effect from the date of his joining the Municipal Office.

Voting—13 'For' and none 'Against.' Passed *nem con.*

35. To sanction the acquisition of a piece of land measuring 42·44 square yards of site No. 100 in Ammachowdripalya belonging to Sukinabi, for extending a bye-lane, as per recommendation of City Improvement Committee, dated 14th December 1927.

Resolution.— Sanctioned.

37. Election of two Municipal Councillors to represent the Council on the Excise Licensing Board.

Resolution.—Mr. S. N. M. Razvi and Captain Y. V. Ayya are elected to represent the Council on the Excise Licensing Board.

40. To consider the resolution of the Municipal Education Committee dated 21st September 1927, recommending that the Deaf and Dumb School, Bangalore, be abolished and that the sum so saved be spent in giving scholarships to deserving pupils wishing to join the Deaf and Dumb School at Mysore.

Resolution.—The proposal of the Municipal Education Committee was put to vote and lost, as 3 voted 'For' and 18 'Against.'

43. Mr. M. C. Chicknanjundappa to move,—

"That the supply of water from the main drain, leading to the Sunkal Farm Tank to the Thigalars, be continued at a nominal rental till their lands are acquired."

Resolution.—Mr. M. C. Chicknanjundappa proposed and Mr. G. Siddaveerappa seconded the proposition in the amended form as noted below :—

"That the supply of water to private garden lands from the Main Drain, leading to the Sunkal Farm Tank be continued at a suitable rental till those lands are acquired and that the work now in progress for closing the pipe lines to the said lands be stopped."

The proposition was put to vote and carried unanimously.

44. Mr. W. H. Hanumanthappa to move,—

"This Council resolves that all new works (original or repair) and acquisitions, the estimated cost of which exceeds Rs. 5,000 be deferred till the financial position and the budget sanctioned estimates are scrutinized."

With reference to the above subject, the President ruled that the proposition as now worded, is not in order as it tends to reduce all the activities of the Municipality to a stand-still The mover was therefore not allowed to move the proposition.

46. Mr. Belur Srinivasiengar to move,—

"That in view of the financial condition of the Municipality this Council resolves that the following three works involving expenditure of over two lakhs be postponed:—

1. Construction of Storeyed Shops.
2. Subedar Chattram Road Extension.
3. Market Frontage.

1. Mr. Belur Srinivasiengar withdrew his proposition No. 1 *re* construction of storeyed shops in view of the Government Order received recently in this connection.

With the permission of the House, subject No. 3 (*e*) on the March Agenda was taken up for consideration.

3. (*e*) To record Government Order No. L. 4428-9—Ml. 25-27-13, dated 7th February 1928, sanctioning the estimate for Rs. 73,500 for the construction of storeyed shops on Mysore Road and advising the Municipal Council to defer the construction of the upper storey until they are satisfied that there is a real demand for the upper storey shops and that the rent therefrom will be an adequate return for the outlay required for their construction.

Resolution.—Resolved that the above Government Order No. L. 4428-9—Ml. 25-27-13, dated 7th February 1928, be recorded with the observation that steps be taken to construct the ground-floor shops in the first instance and that the question of constructing the upper storey be taken up for consideration at a later stage, the shops to be constructed on the Municipal land only.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2 of Mr. Belur Srinivasiengar's proposition was taken up.

2. *Subedar Chattram Road Extension.*

Mr. Belur Srinivasiengar proposed and Mr. D. S. Govinda Rao seconded the proposition that the formation of the Subedar Chattram Road Extension be postponed. The proposition was put to vote and lost; voting:—7 'For' and 13 'Against.'

3. *Market Frontage.*

At the reqnest of the mover, this subject was deferred.

With the consent of the House, Subjects No. 9 of the February Agenda and No. 44 of the March Agenda relating to the long standing bills of the States Engineering Company were taken up.

Mr Hanumanthappa moved for deferring the consideration of these subjects to some future date on the ground that some of the Managing Committee members are absent. (6 out of 9 are present.) Mr. G. B. Raghavendrachar seconded it.

This was lost, 4 voting 'For' and 11 'Against' it. The subjects were taken up.

9. Opinion of the Managing Committee dated 21st December 1927, that the claim of the States Engineering Company for the excess payment of Rs. 2,088 towards the installation of the New Market during the Viceregal, Silver Jubilee and His Highness's procession in Bangalore cannct be recommended.

44. To consider the claim of the States Engineering Company Electrical Contractors, for the enhanced rates for installing 512 electric lights at Rs 2 each at the Market Band Stand pavilion on the occasion of the celebration of Silver Jubilee of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, on 7th September 1927. Also opinion of the Managing Committee dated 8th February 1928, stating that since the contractor is not willing to reduce the rates nothing can be done in the matter.

Resolution.—The President proposed that the pending bills of the States Engineering Company for illumination work done to the City New Market and the Market Band Stand pavilion amounting to Rs. 2,088 and Rs. 1,024 respectively as above, be paid. This was seconded by Mr. S. Venkatarangiengar. The proposition was put to vote and carried, as 12 voted 'For' and 6 'Against' it

As it was nearly 7 P.M., the meeting was adjourned, for want of time, to Saturday the 17th March 1928, at 12 noon, for the consideration of the remaining subjects on the agenda for January, February and March 1928.

MOHAMED ABBAS KHAN,
President.

TUMKUR DISTRICT BOARD.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, TUMKUR, HELD IN THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE ON SATURDAY THE 18TH FEBRUARY 1928 AT 12 NOON.

Present.

Ex-Officio Members ... 2 | Non-Official Members ... 26

Absent.

Non-official members 5

The Executive Engineer, Tumkur Division, the District Education Officer, the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, and the Superintendent, Sericultural Department were also present on invitation.

Letters from Rev. W. H. Spencer and Mr. K. Habibulla Khan pleading inability to attend the meeting were read and recorded.

Read:—

1. Statement of receipts and expenditure for the months of October, November and December 1927.

Resolution.—Recorded.

2. List of estimates returned countersigned to the Executive Engineer, Tumkur Division.

Resolution.—Recorded.

3. List of estimates sanctioned by the President, District Board, pending approval by the Board.

Resolution.—Recorded.

4. Return of Vaccination in the District for the months of October, November and December 1927.

Resolution.—Recorded.

5. Letter No. 4639-45, dated 18th November 1927, from the Chief Engineer in Mysore, requesting proposals for arranging for reciprocity between British Toll-gates on the